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FOLLOWING TELEGRAM FROM ALGIERS DATED JULY 3, 1975 SENT  
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SUBJECT: TUNISIAN ALLEGATION ON ALGERIAN ARMS PURCHASES FROM  
CHINA

REF: TUNIS 4037

1. TUNISIAN PRIME MINISTER

NOUIRA'S STATEMENT (PARA 6 REF) TO EFFECT THAT ALGERIANS HAVE  
"ALREADY PURCHASED ARMS FROM CHINA" IS ASSESSED BY US AS  
FALSE, WHETHER DELIBERATELY SO OR AS A RESULT OF NOUIRA  
HAVG BEEN MISINFORMED.

2. SINCE ALGERIAN INDEPENDENCE IN 1962, ALL RPT ALL LETHAL  
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ARMAMENTS ACQUIRED BY THE ALGERIAN MILITARY HAVE COME FROM

THE USSR. WE ARE RELIABLY INFORMED THAT THERE IS ANOTHER  
NEW, MAJOR ARMS DEAL WITH THE USSR IN THE OFFING. IN  
ADDITION, WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS OF THE ALGERIANS SEEKING ARMS  
ELSEWHERE, NOTABLY FROM FRANCE AND FROM SWEDEN, BUT WE HAVE  
NO INDICATION THAT CHINA IS IN ANY WAY INVOLVED IN ARMAMENTS  
SUPPLY HERE.

3. SOME SIX MONTHS AGO EMBOFF DISCUSSED THIS QUESTION WITH  
CHINESE MILITARY ATTACHE HERE. LATTER SAID FIRMLY THAT  
CHINA INVOLVED IN NO ARMS SUPPLY TO ALGERIA, AND HAD NO  
INTENTION OF BECOMING SO INVOLVED. WHILE IT CONCEIVABLE THAT  
THIS POLICY HAS CHANGED IN THE INTERIM, WE HAVE NO INDICATION  
THAT THIS IS THE CASE. PARKER UNQUOTE SISCO

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